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SUBJECT: SAVIMBI REFUTES ALLEGED COUGHLIN REMARKS

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. BOTH ZAMBIAN DAILIES ON FEBRUARY 25 CARRY STATEMENT DATED FEB. 21 "FROM UNITA HEADQUARTERS IN ANGOLA" AND ALLEGEDLY SIGNED BY JONAS SAVIMBI WHICH DENIES THAT HE HAD VISITED SOUTH AFRICA AT SUGGESTION OF ZAMBIA OR THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAD ARRANGED MEETINGS OR CONTACTS FOR HIM WITH SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORITIES. STATEMENT, WHICH WAS RELEASED TO PRESS IN LUSAKA YESTERDAY BY LOCAL UNITA REPRESENTATIVES, ADDS THAT AT NO TIME HAD ZAMBIAN LEADERS OR ANY AFRICAN COUNTRY DICTATED TO UNITA WHERE TO GO AND HOW TO GET ASSISTANCE. SAVIMBI ALSO REAFFIRMED THAT ZAMBIA HAD NOT CHOSEN SIDES AMONG ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS BUT HAD CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY.

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2. BOTH PAPERS REPORT SAVIMBI STATEMENT CONTAINS STRONG

CRITICISMS OF SENATOR TUNNEY STAFF AIDE BILL COUGHLIN WHOM SAVIMBI ALLEGES SERVED AS DUPE FOR SPREADING SLANDER AND PROPAGANDA COOKED UP BY SOVIET AND CUBAN PROPAGANDISTS. RECALLING SENATOR TUNNEY'S FIGHT AGAINST US AID TO FNLA/UNITA, SAVIMBI IS QUOTED AS CHARGING THAT "CURRENT FABRICATION BY MR. COUGHLIN" WAS "A CONTINUATION OF TUNNEY'S LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGNS AGAINST UNITA." SAID THAT WHILE COUGHLIN CAME TO ANGOLA "POSING AS A FRIEND" HE HAD SPENT HIS 24 HOURS IN UNITA TERRITORY CONCENTRATING ON TRYING TO FIND OUT HOW US PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO UNITA. "THIS 24-HOUR EXPERT ON ANGOLA KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT OUR COUNTRY AND SO HE CAN INVENT ANYTHING," SAVIMBI QUOTED AS SAYING.

3. SAVIMBI ALSO QUOTED AS EXPRESSING DISAPPOINTMENT AT LEARNING "ONCE MORE THROUGH BITTER EXPERIENCE" THAT THOSE WHO COME TO IT AS FRIENDS WERE ENEMIES. SAID ENEMIES OF AFRICA ARE "SOCIAL IMPERIALISTS" WHO COME POSING AS PROGRESSIVE FRIENDS AND THE "OLD IMPERIALISTS" WHO CAME POSING AS LIBERAL FRIENDS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. CONTENTS STATE REFTEL WITH COUGHLIN EXPLANATION OF WHAT HE DID AND DID NOT SAY TO "RAPPORT" MAGAZINE REPORTER WAS PASSED TO CHONA FEBRUARY 25. WHILE APPRECIATIVE OF DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS HELP CLARIFY RECORD, CHONA SAYS HE STILL HAS A PROBLEM AND THAT IS WITH UNEXPLAINED COUGHLIN ALLEGATION THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAD TOLD SAVIMBI WHERE TO GO FOR AID. CHONA INSISTED THAT KAUNDA HAD GIVEN NO SUCH ADVICE TO SAVIMBI NOR HAD SAVIMBI SOUGHT SUCH APPROVAL OR ADVICE. CHONA ASSERTED KAUNDA WOULD NOT HAVE GIVEN SUCH ADVICE AS THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN AN INFRINGEMENT ON ANGOLA'S FREEDOM OF ACTION.

5. COMMENT: RELEASE OF SAVIMBI EXONERATION OF KAUNDA, WHILE HELPFUL, DOES NOT IN STATE HOUSE VIEW, ELIMINATE NEED FOR COUGHLIN DENIAL. IT IS CLEAR THAT CHONA EXPECTS USG TO CONTINUE PRESS COUGHLIN TO ISSUE PUBLIC RETRACTION OR DENIAL OF STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM AND WHICH ALLEGE THAT ZAMBIA SERVED IN ANY WAY AS LINK BETWEEN SAVIMBI AND SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. IN VIEW CONTINUING STRONG STATE HOUSE SENSITIVITY OVER THIS ISSUE, WE BELIEVE BRIEF BUT APPROPRIATE STATEMENT SHOULD BE ISSUED EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR IN CAPE TOWN TO EFFECT COUGHLIN MISQUOTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH RESPECT CERTAIN PORTIONS OF "RAPPORT" ARTICLE REGARDING ALLEGED ZAMBIAN ROLE IN PUTTING SAVIMBI IN CONTACT WITH SOUTH AFRICANS.
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